

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2024

COUNCILLORS: Wilkinson (Chair), Platten, Jackson & Van Mourik.

Visitors: None.

Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

1. Acceptance, or otherwise of apologies

Cllr Hannan submitted her apologies.

Resolved – That the submitted apologies be approved.

2. Declarations of Interest:

Members are asked to consider whether they might have a personal or a pecuniary interest in any matter included on the agenda for this meeting. If so, it is requested that any such interest be declared now. If subsequently during the consideration of any matter, it becomes apparent to any member that he/she does, indeed, have an interest, it should then be declared immediately.

Resolved – No personal or pecuniary declarations were made.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 15 May 2024.

Resolved - That the minutes of the Annual Council meeting on 15 May 2024 be approved.

4. Clerks Report

The Clerk updated members on:

- Left messages for Kebble about an invitation to a council meeting
- The path next to the football field can have ballast placed on it to cover holes
- External Audit variances being worked on before submission
- Ice cream van for GAP reopening being sourced
- Exploring ways/ideas to encourage people to come forward to be a councillor

Resolved – That the Clerks report is received and noted.

5. Finance

5.1 June meeting reconciliation and payments.

Additional invoices:

Playdale - £34,180.37

FR Jackson (skip hire allotments) - £288.00

Parish News - £50.00

Baldwin (bus shelter clean) - £40.00

CE Walker (grass cuts) - £1,162.80

Resolved – That the June payments and reconciliation be approved.

6. Village Issues/Maintenance

6.1 Christmas lights (Wishing Tree)

Members discussed the one off cost to permanently light the tree or trees on the island.

Resolved – (a) That a further quote is obtained if possible; (b) That the council finance is looked at to see if affordable this year; and (c) That a decision is made at the July meeting.

7. GAP Development

- GAP reopening event will take place on Friday 14th June at 3.30pm after the school has finished for that day.
- Some areas will need re-seeding and a strim of the area will be arranged prior to the 14th.
- An ice cream vendor will be sourced with the council covering the costs
- The school will be notified of the opening event

Resolved – That the information be received and noted.

8. Correspondence

Submitted – Details of correspondence received.

None	
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Resolved – That the information be noted.

9. Planning

None.

Applications can be viewed online via Durham County Council's Planning Application System: <http://publicaccess.durham.gov.uk/online-applications/>

10. Donation and Grant Award Policy Review

Received – Draft Donations Policy, Grant Awarding Policy and application form for review.

Resolved – That the item is deferred until the June meeting.

Meeting closed.